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What is the matter with the legislature? It passes a law one day and the next day introduces a bill to explain the law already passed.

The East was visited by a terrible storm last week. Over a hundred persons were killed at Reading, Pennsylvania, and about twenty at Brooklyn, New York.

The San Marcos Reporter says: The Lordsburg Liberal takes strong grounds in favor of the exclusive use of English text books in our public schools. That is the only way to Americanize the rising generation.

If the legislature would pass a law to allow small villages to incorporate it would enable the villages to make a defense against fire, adopt sanitary measures and deal with tramps. The expense need not be large.

It has been considered unlucky to start on a journey on Friday. The truth of this was recently demonstrated in Ohio. Hopkins, the cashier who wrecked the Fidelity bank, was sent to the penitentiary. He was recently pardoned. He left the prison on Friday and died the next Monday.

Moral: Don't leave prison and start on the journey of life on Friday.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has "squared" Judge Wm. A. Vincent with the world. It will be remembered that Cleveland appointed Vincent a judge in New Mexico, and then fired him when he appointed a republican on a jury commission, as the law requires. Now President Cleveland says he is sorry if he has done anything to hurt the judge's feelings, and offers to appoint him as a judge in Montana. The judge looked Montana up on the map, inquired the price of a far overcoat, counted the days till the 4th of March and came to the conclusion that he did not take much stock in death bed repentance, and so refused the appointment. The judge's head is level, for it is not written: "It is better to be earning a good living in New than to hold a federal appointment in Montana when the weather is cold." And the weather clerk predicts cold weather in the neighborhood of federal offices.

THERE is considerable talk about the desirability of establishing an Agricultural college in this territory to take advantage of the \$15,000 appropriation made each year by congress for an experimental station in connection with each agricultural college. The college cannot be established too soon. The Liberal has just been favored with the first annual report of the experiment station of the agricultural college of Michigan, this is a volume of about 150 pages, which shows what has been done at the station the past year. The officers of the station, all of whom are members of the college faculty, consist of a director, chemist, agriculturalist, horticulturalist, entomologist, botanist and veterinarian. The college of Michigan has the reputation of having the best faculty of any agricultural college in the country, and the original experiments and observations of its members have saved the farmers of that state many times what the college has cost, to say nothing of their services as instructors. If the present legislature will organize an agricultural college which will do a tithe of what the Michigan college has for the people, for education and for science it will rear a monument at which the members and their descendants can always point with honest pride.

The legislature of New Mexico must be very hard up, very penurious or very secretive. In most of the states about the first business done by a legislature after assembling is to pass a joint resolution instructing either the legislative printer or the journal clerk to mail a copy of the daily journal and of all printed bills to each newspaper in the state. The Liberal noticed that the New Mexico legislature had neglected to pass such a resolution and wrote to a prominent legislator calling his attention to the fact. The legislator wrote that he had consulted with other legislators in regard to supplying the papers with a copy of the journal and bills, and it was deemed impracticable to do so. At first the Liberal thought that the reason this was not done was because the territory was too poor to pay the postage, but it noticed in a report of the proceedings in a daily paper that a legislator had been compelled to offer a resolution instructing the clerk to allow reporters access to the public documents in their possession. It would appear from this that what troubled the legislators is not poverty but secretiveness. There is a lesson for the officials in this territory to learn and it will read something like this: "This is not old Mexico but New Mexico, a territory of the great United States and hopes soon to be a state. It is a fact long since established in the states that the people

have an inalienable right to know of the public acts of their servants, and the official who endeavors to conceal his official actions is soon relegated to private life." If this is not the unwritten law of this territory it will become so soon after it is admitted as a state, and the sooner the officers of the territory learn it the happier they will be.

MINING MATTERS.

Reports from Various Camps—Items of General Interest to Miners.

The latest quotations are: Silver, 92 3/4; copper, 17.85; lead, 3.87 1/2.

In speaking of the Ruby Silver, the Enterprise says: The recent shipment of ore to Socorro ran—1st class 571 ounces, 2nd class 136 ounces. The Ruby Silver produces about the best average grade of ore in this section, and has a sufficient amount of it in sight to justify the erection of a plant. While the mill is being erected extensive development work will be done in the mine.

A letter from Hand & Beall, the Silver City assayers, announces that their business has increased so fast that they have been obliged to send to Denver for a larger furnace, one that will carry a 10x16 muffle, but notwithstanding the rush they are prepared to do all the work which is sent to them. Their prices still defy all competition and their work has always given entire satisfaction.

The Liberal last week gave, in its interview with L. B. Durill, the true state of affairs at Hecqua Halla. It was the first paper in either territory to tell the true state of affairs about the camp. Now comes the Tucson Citizen and corroborates the Liberal in every particular. It has interviewed Col. Lewis Wolfley and E. J. Delaney, who have been out there, and they both agree with Mr. Durill. Mr. Delaney carefully sampled the "bonanza rock" and the assays ran from \$10 to \$40 per ton. "There is nothing to warrant the Munchausen stories set afloat concerning it," is the opinion of Col. Wolfley, and Mr. Delaney, L. D. Chilson of Tucson, Prof. Ferguson a Nevada mining expert, W. S. Lyle of the Bonanza company, and Superintendent Pickett of Quinotos all express the same opinion.

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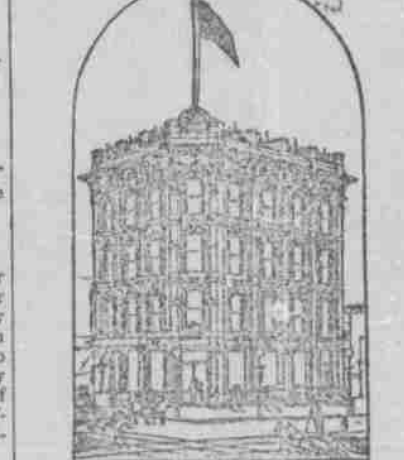
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